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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed January 10, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9 and 13-15, renumbered as 1-12 respectively.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 22 March 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joe Hetz on March 2, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for writing file system structures of two different file systems into a partition of memory cells of a memory device, the method comprising:

- (a) creating a partition of memory cells in a memory device;
- (b) reserving a first set of memory cells in the partition for a file system structure of a first file system;
- (c) reserving a second set of memory cells in the partition for a file system structure of a second file system different from the first file system;
- (d) storing the file system structure of the first file system in the reserved first set of memory cells; and
- (e) storing the file system structure of the second file system in the reserved second set of memory cells;

~~wherein one of the first and second file systems comprises a FAT file system,
and wherein the other of the first and second file systems comprises a file system other
than a FAT file system~~

wherein the first file system comprises a FAT file system, wherein the second file
system comprises a file system other than a FAT file system, wherein file system
structures of the FAT file system are stored in the reserved first set of memory cells but
not in the reserved second set of memory cells, and wherein file system structures of
the file system other than a FAT file system are stored in the reserved second set of
memory cells but not in the reserved first set of memory cells.

Claims 10-12 Cancelled.

13. (Currently Amended) A memory device comprising a partition of memory cells,
the memory device comprising:

a first set of memory cells reserved in a partition ~~storing~~ for a file system structure
of a first file system; and

a second set of memory cells reserved in the partition ~~storing~~ for a file system
structure of a second file system different from the first file system;

~~wherein one of the first and second file systems comprises a FAT file system,
and wherein the other of the first and second file systems comprises a file system other
than a FAT file system~~

wherein the first file system comprises a FAT file system, wherein the second file system comprises a file system other than a FAT file system, wherein file system structures of the FAT file system are stored in the first set of memory cells but not in the second set of memory cells, and wherein file system structures of the file system other than a FAT file system are stored in the second set of memory cells but not in the first set of memory cells.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-9 and 13-15 are allowed.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary J Portka whose telephone number is (571) 272-4211. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mano Padmanabhan can be reached on (571) 272-4210. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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